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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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AND OTHER
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PLAINFIELD,
—FOR—
The Year Ending Feb. 15, 1898.

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Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield qualified to vote in town affairs:—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Meriden, in said town on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, one or more, not exceeding three, Highway Agents, one Library Trustee for three years and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay outstanding notes and interest, and all other necessary town expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges, above the amount required by law, for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the School Board the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to arrange its records and provide a suitable place for their preservation.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road commencing near, and North of the house of Lucien L. Cobb, continuing Northerly to the foot of the hill South of the house of Harry P. Emery, being the Easterly Road between said points and known as the New Road.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road commencing near, and North of the house of Lucien L. Cobb, continuing Northerly to the foot of the hill South of the house of Harry P. Emery, being the Westerly Road between said points and now generally known as the Old Road.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to dispense with delivering inventory blanks until the time of taking the inventory.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to dispense with a liquor agent the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to the reports of the town officers.

Art. 12. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this nineteenth day of February, 1898.

BENJAMIN F. PORTER,	} Selectmen of Plainfield.
LEWIS L. JORDAN,	
R. R. PENNIMAN.	

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

BENJAMIN F. PORTER,	} Selectmen of Plainfield.
LEWIS L. JORDAN,	
R. R. PENNIMAN.	

Report of the Selectmen.

Inventory of the town taken April 1, 1897:

No. of polls, 291,	\$29,100 00
Real Estate,	362,510 00
Horses, 453,	19,444 00
Oxen, 62,	3,248 00
Cows, 900,	18,692 00
Neat, 311,	4,602 00
Sheep, 1157,	2,070 00
Hogs, 5,	40 00
Carriages, 4,	244 00
Stock in banks,	8,668 00
Money at interest,	28,506 00
Stock in trade,	5,176 00
Mills,	1,000 00
Total valuation,	—————\$483,300 00

Amount of taxes raised for all purposes, as follows:

State tax,	\$1,205 00
County tax,	1,866 27
Town tax,	1,000 00
Town hall,	250 00
School tax,	1,205 00
Extra School tax,	200 00
School House repairs,	100 00
School Board,	100 00
Enlarging E. P. Cemetery,	100 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
Library,	72 30
Highways,	1,208 25
Percentage,	255 99
Total,	—————\$7,587 81

Rate, \$1.57

Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1897,	\$922 22	
Total receipts during the year,	9,296 48	
	<hr/>	\$10,218 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during the year,	\$9,402 47	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898,	816 23	
	<hr/>	\$10,218 70

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1897,	\$5,496 83	
Assets Feb. 15, 1897,	2,468 02	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1897,	<hr/>	\$3,028 81
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1898,	\$5,154 59	
Asset Feb. 15, 1898,	2,533 66	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1898,	<hr/>	\$2620 93
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Decrease of balance during the year,		\$407 88

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	\$922 22	
Taxes from collectors,	7,330 96	
Savings bank tax,	507 91	
Land rent,	83 67	
Literary fund,	119 66	
Railroad tax,	36 16	
County for support of paupers,	876 01	
County for support of dep't soldiers,	95 38	
Dog licenses,	147 92	
Miscellaneous,	98 81	
	<hr/>	\$10,218 70

TOWN REPORT, 1898.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Town officers,	\$351 15
County poor,	941 96
Dependent soldiers,	108 18
Town poor,	43 09
Highways and bridges,	1,677 83
Support of schools,	1,898 10
School board,	100 00
School supplies,	128 16
Repairs of school district property,	108 16
Enlarging E. P. cemetery,	93 00
State tax,	1,205 00
County tax,	1,866 27
Town notes,	500 00
Interest,	11 12
Interest on trust funds,	39 50
Insurance,	15 00
Town library,	72 30
Memorial Day appropriation,	5 24
Damage by dogs,	20 50
Librarians,	40 00
Miscellaneous,	177 91
	<hr/> \$9,402 47
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	816 23
	<hr/> \$10,218 70

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding notes,	\$3,488 18
Interest on the same,	397 18
Lucy P. Chamberlain cemetery fund,	600 00
Interest on the same,	36 00
Cyrus Smith cemetery fund,	50 00
School fund,	12 12
Dog fund,	127 42
District repair fund,	21 69
Daniel C. Westgate, services as Clerk,	25 00
Daniel C. Westgate, services as Treasurer,	20 00

B. F. Porter, services as Selectman,	\$ 72 00
L. S. Jordan, services as Selectman,	40 00
R. R. Penniman, services as Selectman,	40 00
Selectmen as Overseers of Poor,	25 00
S. W. Clark, services as Collector,	100 00
School board,	100 00
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	\$5,154 59

ASSETS.

Due from County, support of paupers,	\$261 66
Dependent soldiers,	17 80
Sherman T. Jordan, land rent,	5 00
Electa H. Chellis, do,	48 38
O. A. Stearns, do,	13 80
D. W. Cross, do,	11 66
J. W. Gerrish Est., do,	3 04
F. E. Corey, do,	2 50
N. M. True, do,	36 64
E. E. Wheeler, do,	13 33
Joseph Goodwin, do,	22 50
Collectors book of 1895,	37 90
S. W. Clark, Collector of 1896,	99 10
“ “ 1897,	1144 12
Cash in treasury,	816 23
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	\$2,533 66
Balance against the town,	\$2,620 93

BENJAMIN F. PORTER,	} Selectmen of Plainfield.
LEWIS S. JORDAN,	
R. R. PENNIMAN,	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

TO SELECTMEN AS OVERSEERS OF POOR, DR.

To cash paid for support of county poor as follows:

Lois Brocklebank,	\$ 94 40	
Fred H. Butman,	15 25	
Almira Chapman,	242 71	
Abel Spaulding,	115 58	
Calvin Duncklee,	94 39	
Charles Wood,	12 41	
A. J. Watson,	8 55	
Levi Nelson,	52 00	
William Wilder,	19 00	
John Holt,	1 45	
William Walker,	111 47	
Roswell Spaulding,	58 25	
George A. Cole,	48 72	
Charles Picknell,	6 00	
Frank Picknell,	11 00	
Chester Picknell,	39 53	
George Holt,	5 00	
Transients, (9)	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$941 96

Dependent soldiers' aid:

Ai Short,	\$32 70	
Sarah Jordan,	14 00	
Amanda Alexander,	33 69	
Mary Short,	16 39	
A. J. Chapman,	6 40	
X. E. Lockwood,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$108 18

Town charges:

Almira Chapman,	\$11 19	
Ezekiel Stone,	8 16	
Ed Blood,	23 74	
	<hr/>	\$43 09

Cash paid Treasurer on order overdrawn, • \$11 76

\$1,104 99

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By orders for support of County poor,	\$941 96
" " " Dependent soldiers aid,	108 18
" " " Town poor,	43 09
Order overdrawn by R. R. Penniman,	11 76
	<hr/> \$1,104 99

Due from County, Feb. 15, 1898, for support as follows:

Lois Brocklebank,	\$28 50
Fred H. Butman,	4 00
Almira Chapman,	77 50
Abel Spaulding,	30 88
Charles Wood,	2 50
A. J. Watson,	2 40
Levi Nelson,	15 00
Chester Picknell,	30 75
Roswell Spaulding,	15 75
William Walker,	39 13
Frank Picknell,	5 75
Charles Picknell,	3 75
Transients, (8)	5 75
	<hr/> \$261 66

Dependent soldiers:

Ai Short,	8 00
A. J. Chapman,	4 80
X. E. Lockwood,	5 00
	<hr/> \$17 80
	<hr/> \$279 46

BENJAMIN F. PORTER,	}	Selectmen as
R. R. PENNIMAN,		Overseers of Poor.

COLLECTORS' STATEMENT.

Due from Collector on 1894 book,	\$39 98
Collected,	\$23 38
Abated,	16 60
	<hr/> 39 98
O. V. EASTMAN, Collector.	

Due from Collector on 1895 book,		\$203 32
Collected,	\$98 87	
Abated,	66 55	
Now due,	37 90	
	<hr/>	\$203 32

Interest collected, \$12.46.

J. F. RAYNESFORD, Collector,

Due from Collector on 1896 book,		\$942 84
Collected,	\$781 82	
Abated,	61 92	
Now due,	99 10	
	<hr/>	\$942 84

Interest collected, \$13.35.

Amount on Collector's book 1897		\$7587 81
Collected,	\$6401 08	
Abated,	42 61	
Now due,	1,144 12	
	<hr/>	\$7,587 81

S. W. CLARK, Collector.

DOG REPORT.

Received from Town Clerk for licenses,		\$147 92
Paid O. P. Burr,	\$ 4 00	
W. P. Thrasher, services as Constable,	11 00	
John Goold,	4 00	
Selectmen examinations,	1 50	
Total amount of dog orders,	<hr/>	\$20 50
Balance in treasury,		\$127 42

R. R. PENNIMAN, Selectman.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

Cash Rec'd. of P. Roberts, Town Clerk,	\$ 3 20	
" " for licensing 77 dogs,	160 12	
	<hr/>	\$163 32
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$147 92	
License fee on 77 dogs,	15 40	
	<hr/>	\$163 32

D. C. WESTGATE, Town Clerk.

TRUST FUNDS.**LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN CEMETERY FUND.**

DR.

To one year's interest, \$36 00

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By cash paid for labor and material, \$19 47

Remaining in hands of trustee, 16 53

\$36 00

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN, Trustee.

CLARA FREEMAN CEMETERY FUND.

Interest due, \$7 20

Cash paid for care, 1 35

WILLIS K. DANIELS, Trustee.

CYRUS SMITH FUND.

Fund in Town Treasury, \$50 00

O. V. EASTMAN, Trustee.

JUNIOUS A. SPENCER FUND, \$300 00

Cash paid for care of lot, 1 00

SELECTMEN as Trustee.

ESTHER F. WRIGHT FUND,

Amount in treasury, \$100 00

Cash paid for care of lot, 2 50

W. W. FREEMAN, Agent.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' REPORT.**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO ORREN A. STEARNS, DR.**To cash paid for labor and material for highways and
bridges as follows:

Orren A. Stearns, 2 days, \$ 4 00

Help and team, 122¼ hours, 15 29

D. N. Moulton, for labor and material, 30 46

Charles Woodward, for labor and material, 7 25

Elihu Slack, 23 hours, 2 87

\$59 87

CREDIT.

By orders on the Town Treasurer, \$59 87

ORREN A. STEARNS, Agent.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO O. V. EASTMAN, DR.

To cash paid for labor and material for highways and bridges as follows:

O. V. Eastman,	832 hours, @	17c.	\$141 44
Charles French,	310	" " 15c.	46 50
Charles French,	53	" " 12½c.	6 63
Amasa Kimball,	331	" " "	41 38
H. T. Edminister,	209½	" " "	26 18
Charles Wood,	55	" " "	6 88
J. Goodwin, and team,	34	" " "	4 25
M. B. V. Chapman,	13	" " "	1 63
G. B. Strong,	14½	" " "	1 81
H. Goodwin and team,	114	" " "	14 25
L. E. Cobb,	15	" " "	1 88
Charles Lamott,	65	" " 10	6 50
George West and team,	8	" " 12½	1 00
R. L. Chapman and team,	247	" " "	30 87
S. C. Harrington,	67	" " "	8 37
E. J. Westgate and team,	25	" " "	3 12
O. P. Burr,	8	" " "	1 00
Sidney Sanborn,	16	" " "	2 00
W. A. Talbert,	22	" " "	2 75
F. W. Smith,	25	" " "	3 12
H. W. Chellis,	9	" " "	1 12
Elmer Moulton,	15	" " "	1 87
H. L. Ragan,	40	" " "	5 00
G. W. Burr,	170	" " "	21 25
G. G. Gale,	29	" " "	3 63
B. W. Adams,	20	" " "	2 50
X. E. Lockwood,	246	" " "	30 75
C. C. Cobb,	31	" " "	3 87
Bradley Talbert,	64	" " "	8 00
W. A. Barker and team,	30	" " "	3 75
M. N. Sheppard,	6	" " "	75
Geo. S. Cole and team	125	" " "	15 62
D. W. Cross and team,	20	" " "	2 50
E. R. Miller,	92½	" " "	11 56

A. B. Cutts,	27½ hours @ 12½,	\$3 44
F. L. Stearns,	38 " " "	4 75
O. A. Stearns,	34 " " "	4 25
G. N. Slack,	30 " " "	3 75
G. W. Ragan,	28 " " "	3 50
Frank Cory,	18 " " "	2 25
W. R. Brocklebank,	30 " " "	3 75
Asa Walker,	8 " " "	1 00
Ira Brown,	8 " " "	1 00
James Holt,	16 " " "	2 00
Ira Heywood,	12 " " "	1 50
D. N. Moulton,	8 " " "	1 00
E. E. Burs,	114 " " "	14 25
N. R. Andrews,	9 " " "	1 12
Giles Hastings,	33 " " "	4 13
Clarence Cole,	54 " " "	6 75
George Mayers,	44 " " "	5 50
William Hicks,	82 " " "	10 25
O. A. Stearns,	46 " " "	5 75
Charles Hersey,	20 " " "	2 50
E. H. Slack,	16 " " "	2 00
M. E. Talbert,	4 " " "	50
Leon Cobb,	7 " " "	87
Lucian Cobb,	7 " " "	87
A. Bartlett,	4 " " "	50
R. Chapman, oak for posts,		6 00
O. V. Eastman, damage to plow and scraper,		4 00
R. R. Penniman 76 feet of plank,		76
E. C. Daniels 3662 feet plank,		36 62
O. A. Stearns, man and four horses 13 6-10 days,		
\$6 00 per day,		81 60
L. E. Hilliard, 2508 feet lumber,		25 08
Moulton & Roberts, 38 lbs. spikes,		1 14
Total,		\$706 11
Received by orders of Selectmen,		706 11

O. V. EASTMAN, Agent.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO A. K. READ, DR.

To cash paid for labor and material for highways and bridges as follows:

A. K. Read and S. W. Clark, 200 oak and 30 hemlock posts,	\$16 00
Porter Bros., 15 days, 6 hours,	19 50
Wm. Hall, 1 day, 6 hours,	2 00
W. W. Freeman, 6 days, 1 hour,	7 62
G. T. Avery, 3 days, 6 hours,	4 50
B. F. Ward, lumber,	1 50
J. S. Andrews, lumber,	60
C. H. Read, lumber,	4 08
S. R. Reynolds, 2 days, 2 hours,	2 75
Mar. 9, 1897, balance due Agent,	\$58 55

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO A. K. READ, DR.

To cash paid for labor and material for highways and bridges as follows:

A. K. Read, 71 days, 9 hours, team 66 days, 4 hours,	\$243 39
G. P. Hammond, with team 52 days, 5 hours,	157 50
John Daniels, 3 days, 1 hour,	3 87
W. F. Williams, 60 days,	75 00
C. A. Williams, 2 days, 4 hours,	3 00
“ lumber,	10 36
L. R. Jordan, 16 days 3½ hours,	20 44
Chester Picknell, 38 days, 7 hours,	48 37
G. W. French, 8 days, 2½ hours,	10 00
L. D. Clark, 4 days,	5 00
B. E. Davis, 20 days, 6½ hours,	25 81
H. A. Gilson, 1 day, 2 hours,	1 50
W. J. Alexander, 21 days, 2 hours,	26 50
Ivon Davis, 6 days,	7 50
N. K. Spaulding, 12 days, 4½ hours,	15 56
E. C. Millner, 3 days, 2 hours,	4 00
L. C. Kenyon, 7 hours,	87
D. F. Jordan, 5 days, 1½ hours,	6 44

S. T. Jordan, 4 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour,	\$ 5 06
A. A. Walker, 1 day, 2 hours,	1 50
Willis Jordan, 4 days,	5 00
A. L. Hadley, 1 day,	1 25
H. B. Jordan, 1 hour,	1 25
G. M. Smith, 2 days,	2 50
Hadley & Emery, lumber,	37 74
D. F. Blood, 1 day, 7 hours,	2 07
J. S. Stickney, repairing road machine,	3 96
L. S. Jordan, 3 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour,	3 81
W. O. Kenyon, 2 days, 6 hours,	3 25
“ lumber,	7 26
John Freeman, lumber,	10 42
G. T. Avery, lumber,	40
“ 8 hours,	1 00
F. W. True, 4 days, 4 hours,	5 50
R. L. Morgan, 4 days,	5 00
D. C. Westgate, 2 days,	2 50
“ lumber,	17 18
W. W. Freeman, 18 days,	22 49
C. D. Colby, 8 hours,	1 00
“ lumber,	2 55
D. B. Dana, 7 hours,	75
E. H. Bagley, drainage pipe,	7 94
P. C. Jordan, 5 hours,	62
J. W. Westgate, 1 day, 4 hours,	1 75
S. C. Dow, lumber,	2 00
W. P. Eggleston, clay,	5 00
Mary A. Penniman, clay,	1 50
Porter Bro's, 12 days, 2 hours,	15 25
Geo. E. Read, 3 days, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	4 68
S. W. Clark, 4 days, 2 hours,	5 25
H. F. Nash, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	75
Total,	\$911 84
Received by order of Selectmen,	\$911 84

ALBERT K. READ, Agent.

Report of Town Treasurer.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD IN ACCT. WITH

DANIEL C. WESTGATE, Treasurer.

RECEIVED OF

William Hall, Treasurer 1896,	\$ 922 22
John T. Duncan, land rent,	5 10
Frank E. Corey, "	2 50
John Gilkey, "	24 00
John Goodwin, "	11 25
Elmer E. Wheeler, "	26 66
Dennis W. Cross, "	11 66
George W. Austin, "	2 50
B. F. Porter, same reported as due from County, Feb. 15, 1897,	1 55
D. C. Westgate, Town Clerk, for licensing dogs,	147 92
Clara E. Quimby, peddler's license,	2 00
E. E. Ferson, " "	2 00
R. R. Penniman, same rec'd. from County for pauper claims,	429 41
R. R. Penniman, same rec'd. from County, aid to dependent soldiers,	54 14
Hermon Holt, fine in J. P. Cuddy case,	10 00
John T. Duncan, fine in A. D. Cutts dog case,	15 00
Samuel W. Clark, Collector for 1896,	781 82
" " " 1897,	6401 08
O. V. Eastman, " 1894,	23 38
State railroad tax,	36 16
Savings Bank tax,	507 91
State literary fund,	119 66
S. R. Sanborn, same received from Enfield School District,	53 00
R. R. Penniman, same rec'd. from County for pauper claims and aid to dependent soldiers,	487 84
J. F. Raynsford, Est., on Collector's book of 1895,	111 33
B. F. Porter, same rec'd. for use of Town Hall,	3 50
R. R. Penniman, money overdrawn for support of paupers,	11 76
S. W. Clark, interest on taxes of 1896,	13 35

 \$10,218 70

PAID ORDERS OF SELECTMEN AS FOLLOWS:

Perley Roberts, services as Clerk,	\$ 25 00
William Hall, " Treasurer,	40 00
Ora C. Davis, " Selectman,	66 00
Benjamin F. Porter, " "	45 00
Daniel C. Westgate, " "	45 00
O. C. Davis and D. C. Westgate, services as Overseers of Poor,	35 00
Samuel R. Sanborn, services as School Board,	100 00
John T. Duncan, " Auditor, 2 yrs.,	5 00
H. E. Waite & Co., printing reports,	35 00
D. C. Westgate, wood for Town Hall,	2 30
O. C. Davis, services as Selectman after Feb. 15,	7 25
D. C. Westgate, " " " "	4 00
Lucy P. Chamberlain, int. on Cemetery fund,	36 00
S. R. Sanborn, services as District Treasurer,	8 00
S. W. Clark, part payment collecting taxes,	25 00
Martha Smith, interest on note,	11 12
H. D. Plummer, for Memorial Day,	5 24
S. R. Sanborn, for school supplies,	50 00
E. C. Eastman, collector's book,	1 80
J. F. Johnston, land for cemetery,	8 00
C. E. Claflin, " "	25 00
H. B. Bridgman, services as Librarian,	25 00
Library Trustees, support of Library,	72 30
H. F. Allard, building wall around cemetery,	60 00
A. L. Hall, recording deeds,	1 20
B. F. Porter, carrying Blake to County Farm,	3 00
James Holt, damage to horse on highway,	20 00
Samuel Davis, services as Selectman on road case,	2 00
H. W. Parker, retainer,	15 00
A. B. Cutts, services as Truant Officer,	8 00
S. R. Sanborn, school house repairs,	85 00
Orra S. Bugbee, payment on note,	500 00
G. T. Stockwell, Ins. on Town Hall (Meriden),	15 00
D. C. Westgate, recording and returning births, marriages and deaths,	8 75
D. F. Jordan, pass over land,	5 00

John M. Cole, support of watering trough,	\$	2 00
W. P. Thrasher, " " "		2 00
R. H. Penniman, " " " 1½ yrs.,		3 00
H. C. Daniels, " " " 2 yrs.,		4 00
D. N. Moulton, " two watering troughs,		3 00
O. C. Davis, " watering trough,		1 00
R. L. Chapman, " " "		2 00
Lucy A. Corey, Est., " "		2 00
F. E. Jenney, damage to carriage on highway,		1 50
R. R. Penniman, time and expense to Newport twice and Claremont once,		5 50
C. H. Strong, support of watering trough,		2 00
I. N. Fowler, M. D., return of births and deaths,		4 00
E. G. Beers, M. D., " " "		1 00
Richmond & Richmond, " " "		2 00
F. Von Tobel, M. D., " " "		1 50
G. W. Hunt, M. D., " " "		1 00
Brewster & Gay, " " "		50
W. P. Thrasher, costs in case, State vs. Blake,		2 50
C. S. Burr, services with hearse and repairs on same,		46 15
S. W. Clark, wood for Town Hall,		1 50
W. W. Freeman, care of E. Wright lot,		2 50
S. R. Sanborn, services as Board of Health,		3 25
Selectmen, express, stationery, postage, etc.,		8 50
S. R. Sanborn, school house repairs,		23 16
S. R. Sanborn, school supplies,		78 16
O. V. Eastman, repairs on road machine,		5 10
S. W. Clark, care of Spencer lot,		1 00
Mrs. E. P. Ward, services as Librarian 8½ months,		15 00
B. F. Ward, services as Auditor,		2 50

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

O. A. Stearns,	\$	59 87
A. K. Read,		911 84
O. V. Eastman,		706 12

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

S. R. Sanborn,	\$	1898 10
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DOG ORDERS.

W. P. Thrasher, services as Constable,	\$11 00	
O. P. Burr, damage by dogs,	4 00	
J. Gould, " "	4 00	
Selectmen, examination of sheep,	1 50	
E. C. Daniels, order not presented in 1896,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$23 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

R. R. Penniman,	\$700 00
B. F. Porter,	404 99
Hiram R. Neal, county tax,	1866 27
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	1205 00

Total amount of disbursements,	\$9402 47
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1898,	816 23
Total amount received,	\$10,218 70

DANIEL C. WESTGATE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Plainfield, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and other agents of the town and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN T. DUNCAN, }
WILLIAM HALL, } Auditors.

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library in Plainfield,
submit the following report for the year ending
Feb. 15, 1898.

Number of volumes reported last year,	670
“ “ purchased this year,	71
“ “ given this year,	18
Total,	<hr/> 759

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	\$12 05
received from summer boarders,	1 50
“ “ town,	72 30
“ “ sale of catalogues,	20
“ “ fines,	2 58
“ “ leaflets,	25
	<hr/> \$88 88

By cash paid for glue, mucilage, etc.,	\$ 20
paid for two books, express and mail order,	1 65
paid for books and express,	6 21
paid for printed numbers,	80
paid for books and express,	32 99
paid for books and express,	16 67
paid for books, express, mail order,	6 76
paid for leaflets and express,	5 10
paid for books,	7 87
paid for postage,	67
	<hr/> \$78 92
Balance in hands of trustees Feb. 15, 1898,	<hr/> \$9 96

MARY F. WOOD,	} Board of Trustees.
CLARA J. WESTGATE,	
MARION EASTMAN,	

Report of School Board.

BLACK HILL.

Summer term, 8 weeks, taught by Frances E. Daley.
No. of scholars 17; wages \$26.

Fall term, 10 weeks, taught by Etta E. Hoisington.
No. of scholars 14; wages \$24.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Katharyn K. Woodman. No. of scholars 13; wages \$26.

PLAIN.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Emma J. Gibson.
No. of scholars, 32; wages \$24.

Fall term, 9 weeks, taught by Emma J. Gibson. No. of scholars 31; wages \$24.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Emma J. Gibson.
No. of scholars 29; wages \$26.

SPENCER.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Mamie F. Jenney.
No. of scholars 10; wages \$20.

Fall term, 11 weeks, taught by Mamie F. Jenney.
No. of scholars 14; wages \$22.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Mamie F. Jenney.
No. of scholars 14; wages \$22.

BROOK.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Mary E. Westgate.
No. of scholars 13; wages \$24.

Fall term, 10 weeks, taught by Edna M. Jordan. No. of scholars 14; wages \$24.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Edna M. Jordan.
No. of scholars 16; wages \$24.

PENNIMAN.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Mary E. Trowe.
No. of scholars 19; wages \$22.

Fall term, 10 weeks, taught by Mary E. Trowe. No. of scholars 18; wages \$24.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Mary E. Trowe.
No. of scholars 13; wages \$24.

MERIDEN.

Summer term, 8 4-5 weeks, taught by Emma B. Padleford. No. of scholars 36; wages \$30.

Fall term, 10 weeks, taught by Frances E. Daley. No. of scholars 32; wages \$30.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Minnie T. Clark. No. of scholars 30; wages \$32.

TRUE.

Summer term, taught by Sarah C. Colby. No. of scholars 8; wages \$22.

Fall term, 12 weeks, taught by Sarah C. Colby. No. of scholars 8; wages \$22.

EAST PLAINFIELD.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Grace L. Sanborn. No. of scholars 10; wages \$23.

Fall term, 10 weeks, taught by Grace L. Sanborn. No. of scholars 11; wages \$24.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Sarah C. Colby. No. of scholars 14; wages \$24.

METHODIST HILL.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Edna M. Jordan. No. of scholars 9; wages \$22.

Fall term, 14 weeks, taught by Florence E. Dow. No. of scholars 13; wages \$22.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PLAINFIELD:

The wheels of time have made another revolution and we are again brought to the time when we are called upon to make our annual report of the condition of your schools for the past year. The same general thoughts respecting the subject of education naturally recur from year to year. We must consider how we may best advance the interest of our schools and in what way the culture they afford shall be best adapted to the demands of practical life. We are called upon to enforce a system of education for those who will soon mould society and supply the places of the receding generation.

We are aware that our schools are constantly changing. We assume that there are hardly more than fifty per cent. of the number of scholars today, of school age, that there were even a score of years ago and our schools have not the pupils from eighteen to twenty-five years of age that were such a help in our schools in years past. Our schools at the present time, or many of them, are essentially primary and we should appreciate the important truth, that we give to the first years in the school-room the most careful and thorough instruction in the rudiments of knowledge. In the present age when the opportunities of self culture have so greatly increased and where one having the starting point of a mind well grounded in the first principles of knowledge, can go on by himself to the acquirement of a liberal education in after life. We urge upon parents the importance of showing to their children that not so much depends upon the work they do in school as the way they do it. We would that their instruction might be more thorough than extensive.

We will not make a detailed statement of each school or teacher. On the whole we think we have been very fortunate in the selection of our teachers, mistakes have been made, but whenever practical and possible it has been the purpose of your Board to avoid making a

change of teachers in the various schools from term to term. We believe the efficiency of our schools can only be maintained by carrying out this plan.

We have maintained no school in the "Hersey" district during the year. The scholars from that district being brought to Meriden at a small expense, being much less than it would cost to have maintained a school there and the scholars have more schooling and better instruction than they could have had in this district. We have made arrangements for scholars to be educated by private instruction or by conveyance to nearest schools where there were only one or two in a division. Many of our winter schools are still in session, but we feel that we can say that every one is a success and much interest is manifested by pupils, teachers and parents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. SANBORN,	}	School Board.
ROBERT R. PENNIMAN,		
LUCY M. LEWIN,		

ROLL OF HONOR.

ONE TERM.

Julia Colby,	Alice Hadley,
Pearl Hadley,	Lula Jenney,
Sadie Pierce,	Cora Spaulding,
Lennie Waite,	Allie Jenney,
Bert Jenney,	Harry Waite,
Ruth Lewin,	Harland Bartholemew,
Otis W. Jordan,	Inez Clark,
Bessie Westgate,	Hugh Hunt,
Florence West,	Verna Wood,
Houghton Williams,	Proctor Jordan,
Edith Hammond,	Alta M. Avery,
Harland Porter,	Edwin M. Porter,
Clara Woodward,	J. Daniel Porter,
Lillie Holt,	Willie Holt,
Byron Wood,	Gertie Wood,
Grace Lake,	Flora B. Jordan,
Marion A. Westgate,	Willie E. Westgate,
Curtis G. Doyle,	Perley Cole,
Herbert Cole,	George Doty,
Converse A. Chellis,	Hall Fowler,
Carrie Clark,	Lola Dean,
George Gibson,	Susie Freeman,
Karl Gibson,	Annie Gibson,
Florence Freeman,	Ethel Hersey,
Lillie Hersey,	Lucy Moore,
Annie Monroe,	Minnie Dean,
Carrie Dean,	Jessie West,
Myrtie West,	Louie Bartlett.
May M. Goodwin,	Chester Emery,
Henry H. Emery,	Olive M. Currier,
Fred E. Barker,	Charlie Raynes,
Ralph Jenney,	William E. Gibson.

TWO TERMS.

Maurice Hadley,	Edwin Goodenough,
Palmer Read,	Mary E. Jordan,
Ralph K. Jordan,	Bernice E. Jordan,
Frank Car,	May Jordan,
Lizzie D. Whitaker,	William D. Burr,
Gertie E. Westgate,	Levi Nelson,
Walter D. Fadden,	Elbridge G. Fadden,
Clifford Cuddy,	May E. Brocklebank,
Bertha Chapman,	May E. Jenney,
Ruth L. Brocklebank,	Fannie Chapman,
Ray F. Jenney,	Fred A Moulton,
Clara E. Emery,	George E. Royce.
Ida E. Raynes,	Ella E. Raynes.

THREE TERMS.

Maurice Clark,	Dana Morgan,
Wilmer Spaulding,	Otis B. Read,
George B. Pierce,	William H. Jenney,
Cora M. Andrews,	Frances M. Sanborn,
Austin W. Burr,	Florence E. Woodward.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.

Total amount of school fund,	\$1,910 22
Amount reported unexpended last year, \$	109 82
Amount required to be raised by law,	1,205 00
Raised by vote of district,	200 00
Received from Enfield school district,	53 00
Railroad tax,	36 16
Literary fund,	119 66
Land rent,	80 62
Dog tax,	105 96
	<hr/> \$1,910 22

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treas., orders of Selectmen,	\$1,898 10
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid school district of Cornish, tuition, \$	60 00
Paid teachers,	1,044 25
Paid for wood, transportation of scholars, building fires, cleaning school houses &c,	226 85
Amount due for expenses of winter schools,	567 00
	<hr/> \$1,898 10
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$567 00
Balance due district,	\$12 12

REPAIR FUND.

Amount reported unexpended last year, \$	29 85
Raised by vote of district,	100 00
	<hr/> \$129 85

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treas. orders of Selectmen,	\$108 16
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for repairs on school buildings,	\$108 16
Amount unexpended,	21 69

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Received of Town Treas. orders of Selectmen,	\$128 16
Expended for supplies,	128 16

SAMUEL R. SANBORN, Dist. Treas.

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School District find the same properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN T. DUNCAN, }
WILLIAM HALL. } Auditors.

Tables of Vital Statistics, 1897.

Births Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
1897	(if any.)													
Jan. 4	Charles Wood.	Male.	Living.	6		Charles Wood.	Lillian Austin.		Plainfield.	Farmer.	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	46	25
Mar. 14	James P. Cuddy.	Female.	Stillborn.	3		James P. Cuddy.	Alice R. Moore.		"	Fireman.	Plattsburgh, N.Y.	"	40	28
23	Hugh Laughlin.	Male.	Living.	1		Charles F. Robinson.	Florence E. Pringle.		"	Clergyman.	Mercedith	Rye-gate, Vt.	30	30
25	Harry Guy.	"	"	2		Guy P. Hammond.	Hattie Spalding.		"	Farmer.	Windsor, Vt.	Wind-or, Vt.	53	32
Feb. 25	Charles Hall.	"	"	2		Charles H. Peterson.	Nettie Hall.		"	"	Plainfield.	Lebanon.	28	32
25	"	"	"	2		Edward Millner.	Emma Jordan.		"	"	Plainfield.	Nova Scotia.	24	24
Apr. 1	Mildred E.	Female.	"	1		Arling B. Cutts.	Jessie M. Sanborn.		"	"	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	35	23
May 2	"	Male.	"	1		Francis L. Hudson.	Frances N. Heywood.		"	Creamery Mgr.	Cambridge, Mass.	Stratford, Vt.	27	27
June 6	Mildred Viola.	Female.	"	2		Frank Whitaker.	Abbie L. Clark.		"	Farmer.	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	28	31
27	Cora Hannah.	"	"	2		Jonas Goodwin.	Laura Bartlett.		"	"	Canada.	Crookton.	27	23
17	"	"	"	4	White	William H. Hicks.	Hattie A. Switzer.	White	"	"	Piermont.	Hartland, Vt.	29	27
27	"	Male.	Stillborn.	1		Will H. Avery.	Maud Davis.		"	"	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	27	19
July 31	"	"	"	4		Walter F. Williams.	Luella Picknell.		"	"	Quechee, Vt.	Hartford, Vt.	27	33
Aug. 9	Clyde Harry.	Female.	Stillborn.	1		Joseph A. Spalding.	Jennie M. Porter.		"	"	Canaan.	Canada.	25	21
17	"	"	"	1		Harry Davis.	Edith Goodwin.		"	"	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	25	21
Sept. 9	"	Male.	Living.	4		Darwin F. Jordan.	Martha E. Ladieu.		"	"	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	34	33
17	Ester Viola.	Female.	"	5		Bert E. West.	Etta M. Kimball.		"	Miller.	"	"	26	25
Oct. 10	Keith Wilson.	Male.	"	3		Thomas Penniman.	Mary Curtis.		"	Farmer.	Plainfield.	Cornish.	26	25
Nov. 10	Ellen J.	Female.	"	4		Fred A. Buckman.	Vesta J. Robbins.		"	Laborer.	"	Chester, Vt.	27	24
Dec. 21	"	Male.	"	2		Otis V. Cutts.	Ella G. Merrill.		"	Blacksmith.	"	Enfield.	26	28
21	"	"	"	1		Leroy E. Kimball.	Georgia L. Daniels.		"	Farmer.	Warren, Vt.	Plainfield.	23	21
21	Olla J.	Female.	Living.	4		Charles Lockwood.	Florence Lamott.		"	Laborer.	Plainfield.	Lyme.	16	16
21	"	"	"	1		Fred A. Roberts.	Mary P. Woodworth.		"	"	"	"	39	26

Marriages Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	No. of Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1897												
Jan. 1	Plainfield	Don. A. Fellows.	Washington, Vt.	26		Farmer.	Plainfield.	Joseph A. Fellows.	Plainfield.	Farmer.	1	Rev. O. W. Kimball,
		Alice B. Walker.	Plainfield.	17		Housekeeper.	"	Susan Calef.	"	House keeper		Meriden
Mar. 9	Plainfield	Fred Ira Davidson.	"	28		Mechanic.	Chester, Vt.	Asa A. Walker.	"	Farmer	1	
		Eda B. Stickney.	"	18		Dressmaker.	Plainfield.	Ira Davidson.	Chester, Vt.	Farmer		
May 22	Meriden.	Merton T. Woodward.	"	21		Farmer.	"	Mary A. Prouty.	Langdon.	House keeper	1	Rev. Geo. C. Trow,
		Lina C. Eastman.	Enfield.	19		Housekeeper.	Wyoming.	Joseph S. Stickney.	Plainfield.	Blacksmith.		Plainfield
June 2	"	Frank C. Smith.	Plainfield.	23		Farmer.	Plainfield.	Emma J. Jordan.	"	House keeper	1	
		Etta J. Austin.	"	22		Housekeeper.	"	Henry Woodward.	Bridgewater, Vt.	Farmer		
25	Plainfield	Charles E. Lockwood.	"	16		Laborer.	"	Sarah A. Hadley.	Plainfield.	House keeper	1	Rev. Chas. Robinson,
		Florence M. Lamott.	Lyme.	16		Housekeeper.	Lyme.	John Eastman.	Enfield.	Farmer	1	Meriden
Sept. 22	Plainfield	James A. Hunter.	Gloucester, Mas	25	White	Druggist.	"	Eliza'th M. Cutler.	Plainfield.	House keeper	1	Rev. O. W. Kimball,
		Mary L. Bartholomew.	Plainfield.	24		Housekeeper.	Lebanon.	Elisha Austin.	"	House keeper	1	Meriden
Nov. 10	Lebanon.	James A. Raynes.	"	40		Farmer.	Detroit, Me.	Maryetta Jordan.	"	"	1	
		Carrie K. Elder.	"	40		Housekeeper.	Grantham.	K. E. Lockwood.	Springfield.	Pedlar.	1	Elbridge G. Beers, J. P.
17	"	Henry P. Newton.	"	23		Farmer.	Hartford, Vt.	David Lamott.	Canada.	Farmer	1	Meriden
		Elizabeth M. Cross.	Lebanon.	17		Housekeeper.	Plainfield.	Lavina Jinks.	Lyme.	House keeper	1	
25	Plainfield	Moses D. Woodward.	Bridgewater, Vt.	30		Farmer.	Bridgewater, V	Robert Hunter.	"	"	1	Rev. Geo. C. Trow,
		Ida May Fellows.	Plainfield.	26		Housekeeper.	Washington, V	Mary Hunter.	Plainfield.	Shoemaker.	1	Plainfield
Dec. 3	Lebanon.	Berttron E. Merrill.	"	29		Farmer.	Plainfield.	A L. Bartholomew.	Plainfield.	"	1	
		Alice T. Eaton.	"	23		Housekeeper.	"	Hattie M. Lewin.	"	"	1	
15	Cor. Flat.	George H. Slack.	"	22		Farmer.	Lebanon.	Nathaniel Raynes.	Montville, Me.	"	2	Rev. N. F. Tilden,
		Lillian May Akerman.	Enfield.	16		Housekeeper.	Norwich, Vt.	Martha Towle.	"	"	2	Lebanon
		"	"	"		"	"	Samuel Emerson.	"	"		
		"	"	"		"	"	Catharine Warren.	"	"		
		"	"	"		"	"	Charles Newton.	"	"		
		"	"	"		"	"	Amelia D. Russ.	Quechee, Vt.	"	1	Rev. Edgar T. Farrill,
		"	"	"		"	"	Charles Cross.	Hanover	"		
		"	"	"		"	"	Isadore Tabor.	Corinth, Vt.	"	1	Lebanon
		"	"	"		"	"	Geo. H. Woodward.	Bridgewater Vt	Farmer	1	Rev. N. F. Tilden,
		"	"	"		"	"	Mary Dustin.	Bethel, Vt.	House keeper	1	
		"	"	"		"	"	Joseph H. Fellows.	Washington, Vt	Farmer	1	Lebanon
		"	"	"		"	"	Susan Calef.	Plainfield.	House keeper	1	
		"	"	"		"	"	Martin Merrill.	"	"	1	Rev. Edgar T. Farrill,
		"	"	"		"	"	Sarah B. Sargent.	Lebanon.	"	1	Lebanon
		"	"	"		"	"	W. H. H. Eaton.	Plainfield.	Farmer	1	
		"	"	"		"	"	Rosa Poole.	"	House keeper	1	
		"	"	"		"	"	Henry F. Slack.	"	"	1	Rev. Chas. E. Gould,
		"	"	"		"	"	Laura White.	"	"	1	
		"	"	"		"	"	Frank C. Akerman.	"	"	1	Cornish Flat
		"	"	"		"	"	Rosa A. Slack.	"	"	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Date		Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Male or Female	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days									
1897														
Jan.	2	Plainfield	Fannie B. Whitaker.	27	2	10	Plainfield	F	M.	Housekeeper	Weathers'fld,V	Plainfield.	Charles C. Beckley.	Kate E. Daniels.
	4	"	Infant.	"	"	"	"	M	S.	"	Lyndeborough.	Lyndeborough.	Charles Wood.	Lillian Austin.
	18	"	Ann B. French.	83	4	9	"	F	W.	Housekeeper	Lyndeborough.	Lyndeborough.	Jona. Chamberlain.	Betsey Jewell.
	23	"	Charles H. Hill.	64	9	9	Charlestown	M	M.	Carpenter.	"	"	"	Caroline Derby.
Mar.	4	"	Al R. Short.	65	"	"	Plainfield	M	W.	Soldier.	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	John N. Short.	Sarah Stone.
	22	"	Emily R. Tyler.	70	1	25	Claremont.	F	S.	Housekeeper	Claremont.	Westford, Mass.	Ephraim Tyler.	Rebecca Read.
	31	"	Charles B. Dean.	47	7	25	Barnard, Vt.	F	M.	Laborer.	Canada.	Hartland, Vt.	David Dean.	Caroline Beers.
Apr.	10	"	Nettie Hall Peterson.	32	9	24	Lebanon	F	M.	Housekeeper	Lebanon	Lebanon.	Edward O. Hall.	Olive Smith.
	11	"	Clayton Roy Dorwin.	8	10	"	Plainfield.	M	S.	"	Bingha'pt'n NY	Watertown, NY	"	Abbie Butman.
May	4	"	Edwin B. Blood.	66	10	24	"	M	M.	Laborer.	Boston, Mass.	Plainfield.	Daniel Blood.	Mehitable Williams
	24	"	Lucy Ann Corey.	69	8	"	Thetford, Vt.	F	W.	Housekeeper	Thetford, Vt.	Strafford, Vt.	Caleb Strong.	Susan Harrington
	24	"	Bert E. French.	26	"	"	Plainfield.	M	M.	Salesman.	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	Russell B. French.	Helen Smith.
	31	"	Perry G. Curtis.	27	24	"	Cornish.	M	S.	Laborer.	Maine.	Nashua.	Hartley Curtis.	Sarah A. Town.
	6	"	Charles Harrington.	69	"	"	Plainfield.	M	W.	Farmer.	"	"	"	"
June	6	"	Joel F. Raynsford.	77	4	"	N'w London NY	M	M.	"	"	"	David Raynsford.	Maria Fitch.
Aug.	1	"	Jennie M. Spalding.	33	6	"	Hartford, Vt.	F	M.	Housekeeper	W. Hartford.	W. Hartford.	Lyman B. Porter.	Ruth Marsh.
	3	"	Maryetta Hoisington	63	4	"	Woodstock, Vt.	F	W.	"	Woodstock.	Woodstock.	Stephen Farnsworth.	Adeline Myrick.
Nov.	3	"	Abel Spalding.	87	"	"	Plainfield.	M	W.	Shoemaker	Plainfield.	Plainfield.	Jonathan Spalding.	"
	5	"	Harry Lee Smith.	19	3	"	Strafford, Vt.	M	S.	Laborer.	"	"	Geo. M. Smith.	Ada Westgate.
	27	"	Julia B. Hurley.	83	11	"	Ireland.	F	W.	Housekeeper	"	"	Luke Hogan.	"
Dec.	30	"	Lucy A. Cole.	82	"	"	Hanover.	F	W.	"	Hanover.	Hanover.	John Hatch.	"



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